

California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant

Fact Sheet

Metropolitan Transportation Commission / Association of Bay Area Governments



Project Goal

The Blueprint-funded project is part of a larger integrative regional planning program intended to facilitate transportation efficiency, open space conservation and an adequate and affordable supply of housing. This work directly supports the Regional Transportation Plan. The focus will be to achieve a transit- and pedestrian-oriented pattern of housing development, providing significant transportation and community benefits. The principal deliverable will be a set of regionally adopted Development Priority Areas, where housing planning and production can be concentrated.

Project Description

Over the next several years, the Bay Area can achieve the greatest leverage toward the Vision and its associated policy-based growth projections, and therefore achieve transportation system efficiencies, by encouraging local governments to facilitate more housing production in the right places. To that end, this effort pursues two primary objectives:

- Engage in outreach to local governments and community stakeholders to remind them of the regional Vision and reinforce its rationale, to clarify how the Vision applies to the region as a whole and to its specific communities, and to focus on appropriately located housing production, highlighting its relationship to both local and regional objectives (particularly transportation efficiency and resource conservation).
- Introduce the concept of regional priority areas – for development and reuse and for conservation – and collaborate with local governments on designating a first set of these areas, responding to state, regional and local policy objectives for housing, transportation, environmental protection and economic development.

Grant Award: \$500,000 for FY 2005/06

\$320,000 for FY 2006/07

Total \$820,000

Product

- Application materials for priority-area designation
- Consolidated map pointing to potential priority areas for resource conservation and environmental protection
- Voluntary local-government agreements for priority areas for development and reuse
- Presentation materials for county-wide meetings on initial set of priority areas for development and reuse

- Adopted plan of initial priority areas for development and reuse

Who Benefits

Disadvantaged communities, environmental justice interests, Native Americans and other minorities, MTC, ABAG, local governments and community partners and stakeholders will benefit.



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